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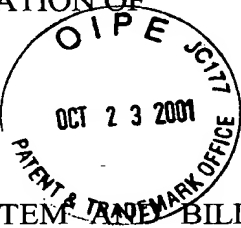
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please enter the following amended claims:

13 (Amended) A telecommunications terminal device comprising:
a pre-paid amount memory area, storing a pre-paid amount of money,
a processor which can debit or subsequently load the amount of money,
wherein the processor in addition determines a dynamic client profile from one or
more random variables of previous connections of the customer and can store it in a memory
area,
and the processor can determine the amount for new connections from the stored
dynamic client profile and can debit it directly out of a pre-paid memory area when a
connection is established.

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